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### RE Official information request CDHB 10478

I refer to your email dated 10 November 2020 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from Canterbury DHB. Specifically:

**1. In the past two years, to date, how many ERA hearings has the CDHB lost?**

There have only been three ERA cases in the past two years in which the Canterbury DHB was a single respondent. (This does not include cases where Canterbury DHB was named together with all 20 DHBs).

- One case the Canterbury DHB was wholly successful in defending
- One case the DHB was wholly unsuccessful in defending
- and one case where the DHB succeeded in defending the majority of claims put by the applicant.

**2. In the past two years, to date, how much money has the CDHB paid to former staff members who have laid personal grievance claims against the CDHB?**

This information is not held in an easily retrievable electronic system and would require a substantial amount of time and resource to find manually. We are therefore declining a response to this question pursuant to section 18(f) of the Official Information Act.

**3. How many cases has Christopher Jury been involved in where the CDHB has lost following an ERA hearing?**

We are declining a response to this question pursuant to the following sections of the Official Information Act:

Section 18(d) "... that the information is publicly available" <https://www.employment.govt.nz/elaw-search> and

Section 9(2)(g)(ii) i.e. *"...to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such members of organisations, officers and employees from improper pressure or harassment."*

I trust this satisfies your interest in this matter.

You may, under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act, seek a review of our decision to withhold information by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz); or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Canterbury DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R La Salle'.

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